

that were the big time grandfathered agricultural corporations that are going to make new substantial investments, or even big time family farmers that were going to make new substantial investments, and, when they made those investments, their rewards would be significant tax reductions. And suddenly these big people would have an unfair advantage over the backbone of Nebraska agriculture, which is the family farm, which is the family farm and the family ranch and the little operator who has no 3 million bucks to do to meet the threshold. So we specifically said that we were going to exclude from the operation of this bill that kind of an investment activity. Now, Senator Haberman has raised with me the question of whether or not the activities of a Taggares, in coming in and processing potatoes, comes within the sweep of LB 775. Yes, the processing of food comes within the sweep of LB 775. The processing of the potatoes comes within, that meets the qualified business definition. The raising of the potatoes does not, in and of itself, that does not, but the processing absolutely does. We were very careful, that was the one area that we were quite sensitive to what this bill would do in terms of providing one sector of the economy a significant advantage while not providing another sector of the economy that same advantage. Because we know that the sympathy of this state is with the family farmer and the family rancher, and we know that that is the backbone of Nebraska agriculture, we specifically decided that we would not incorporate within this bill a specific provision that dealt with farming and ranching.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, discussion on the Haberman amendment. Senator Nelson to follow.

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is very touching to me to have Senator Vard Johnson be so solicitous of the farmers and ranchers of this state. It does not really reflect the old Johnson, it's the new Johnson, and I guess I'm appreciative. Senator Johnson, on page 21, lines 16 to 21, it would appear to me that the family corporation is specifically excluded from the benefits of this bill. Is that not true?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The closely held family corporation is specifically excluded from...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Excuse me, Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson, would you please start your answer again.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I'm sorry, Senator Barrett.